

House Study Bill 537

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON TYMESON)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing an exception to the age of admission to
2 kindergarten.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5018HC 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 282.3, subsection 2, unnumbered
1 2 paragraph 3, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 ~~No A~~ child shall ~~not~~ be admitted to school work for the
1 4 year immediately preceding the first grade unless the child is
1 5 five years of age on or before ~~the fifteenth of September 15~~
1 6 of the current school year. However, a child who is five
1 7 years of age after September 15 of the current school year and
1 8 who has demonstrated the possession of sufficient ability to
1 9 benefit from kindergarten work on the basis of tests or other
1 10 means of evaluation recommended or approved by the department
1 11 of education may be admitted to kindergarten if the department
1 12 approves the admission prior to August 1.

1 13 EXPLANATION
1 14 This bill allows a child who is five years of age on or
1 15 after September 15 to be admitted to kindergarten if the child
1 16 has demonstrated the possession of sufficient ability to
1 17 benefit from kindergarten work on the basis of evaluations
1 18 recommended or approved by the department of education and if
1 19 the department approves the admission prior to August 1.
1 20 Currently, no child shall be admitted to kindergarten unless
1 21 the child reaches the age of five on or before September 15.
1 22 LSB 5018HC 81
1 23 kh:rj/je/5.1